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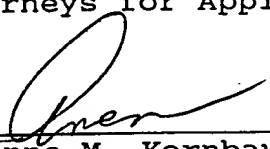
Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of August 12, 1999,  
submitted herewith is a copy of the Preliminary Amendment filed  
February 17, 1999, along with a copy of the receipt card  
acknowledging receipt of this amendment in the PTO.

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**SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Preliminary to examination on the merits, please enter  
the following amendments:

IN THE CLAIMS

Delete claims 1-8 and insert therefor new claims 9-24 as  
follows:

--9. A process for the conversion of sorptive reaction  
work into useful electrical work by means of a galvanic membrane  
electrolyte reaction cell (1) in which a ternary substance system  
consisting of a vapor/carrier gas mixture and a solution absorbing  
the vapor is fed in and carried off and a cell housing (2) which  
contains a flat-shaped, porous, gas-permeable first electrode (4)  
and a flat-shaped, porous, gas- and liquid-permeable second  
electrode (5), divided by a media-sealing, galvanically separating  
peripheral seal (3) into a first housing part (2.1) and a second  
housing part (2.2), in which between the electrode faces there is  
arranged a selectively ion-permeable membrane electrolyte (6)

which forms with the porous electrodes (4,5) a mechanically stable